

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 199**

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TO:	The Honorable Lawrence K. "Larry" Grooms, Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Department of Agriculture Organization, Duties, Procedures		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 199 amends Chapter 2, Title 46 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the organization, duties, and procedures of the Department of Agriculture. The Bill repeals duties no longer carried out by the Department and adds language to clarify the current authority of the Commissioner and the Department. The Bill requires all lawsuits against the Department to first be adjudicated in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act before moving to Civil Courts. The Bill authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to accept grants and gifts for the purpose of promoting agriculture and the Bill authorizes the Commissioner to charge fees for products or services.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Agriculture indicates that there would be no cost to the State General Fund associated with enactment of the provisions of this Bill.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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